

**North Somerset Partnership
Steering Group – Transport Environment Economy**

Thursday 24th July 2009
The Campus, Weston Super Mare

Notes of Meeting

Present

Andy Hicklin	Chair – Environment Agency
Alistair	Environment Agency
David Glynn	Wrington PC
Colin Medus	North Somerset Council (Transport Policy & Programmes)
Kim Herivel	NSC (Adult Services & Housing)
Geoff Coombes	Barrow Gurney PC
Rosemary Dowie	TENONS
Charles Walker	North Somerset Industrial Association
Simon Gregory	NSC (Economy & Regeneration)
Jenny Ford	NSC (Economy & Regeneration)

Apologies

Ian Chancellor	Government Office South West
Nicky Sutton	Job Centre Plus
Angela Hicks	North Somerset Enterprise Agency (Business West)
Sarah Marshall	Learning & Skills Council
Ed Bradley	Barrow Gurney PC
Fiona Massey	Government Office South West
Karuna Tharmananthar	North Somerset Council (Development & Environment)

1 Notes of previous meeting and matters arising

Agreed as record of meeting

2 Climate Change Indicator Progress

JF provided an update on the progress made towards the Local Area Agreement Targets NI 186 and NI 188.

Noted progress against the NI 188 Indicator around adapting to Climate Change shows NSC having achieved Level 0 in first year.

Further action needed towards 3 year target, new Officer starts soon who will pick up this work as a main area of work. Next step will be for more joint planning and work for the partnership to progress through the Levels.

NI 186 aiming to reduce carbon emissions per person in the area. General info and statistics were provided, including what NSC does. This Indicator requires substantial input from partners and focussed around 3 areas:

- Business and Public Sector,
- Domestic housing, and
- Road transport

North Somerset 2nd greatest risk area in England in terms of sea ingress

Assessment to be carried out on Weston once new sea defences constructed

Need to better co-ordinate activities across the various sectors to understand what being done, map things out

TEE Group to identify what it can do, work programme/ action plan

Next Steps

Group discussion around whether or not our own actions really matter, generally view that it is the small actions by individuals that have a big impact.

Need to find a way of representing CO₂ emissions that will help understanding of size and impact to help show what difference we can make.

ACTION: To be followed up by new NSC Sustainability Officer.

Noted advice to businesses needs clarifying as to where to go for information on environmental issues and solar power etc.

3 Waste Matters in North Somerset

Alistair from Environment Agency explained the work of the Agency in general and review of the Wessex area in terms of waste management activity.

North Somerset does well against London boroughs, but not neighbouring areas in terms of amount of recycling carried out.

New North Somerset Waste contract currently out to tender with emphasis on diversion from landfill and introduces an 11 year plan for waste reduction.

New sites are proposed:

1. sites for recycling waste
2. Avonmouth – mechanical/ biological recycling

There is also to be a greater emphasis on community engagement in terms of waste management.

Noted the amount of flytipping remains high in North Somerset, more work needed to combat.

Open discussion followed on appropriateness of wheelie bins/ flytipping in general, but particularly issue of flytippers coming into the area and dumping waste, in past this has been an issue for South ward. Further discussion on future role of Environment Agency – sites and data/advice

It was noted green waste contributed to the amount of waste collected/ recycling per person.

4 Future Job Fund

Updated on bid. Charles disappointed private sector not encouraged to be involved – focus appeared to be just on public and third sector.

News expected on whether bid is successful or not by mid august

5 North Somerset Partnership Board update

Revised structure explained

- Smaller Board – meets quarterly
- Executive supports board in work and partnership work meets 6-8 weeks
- 4 sub groups now – includes a younger persons group
- Chairs of sub groups on Executive
- Stakeholders chance to ask questions
- TEE Group chance to raise issues – more practical nature.

Discussion on closed nature of the Board meetings – not open to anyone to attend/ ask questions. Inability to influence the Board, includes at Stakeholders event.

ACTION: Andy asked to raise matter with the new Executive/ Board

6 Local Area Agreement Updates

Updated LAA information circulated, some information missing, latest to be provided for the next TEE Group meeting.

ACTION: Simon to clarify indicators and progress at a future meeting

7 Date of next meeting